

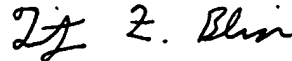
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 17-25.

Applicant thanks Examiner for the telephone interview of November 7, 2003, in which claims 1, 14, 15, 26, and 27 were discussed. Pursuant to the interview, Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 15, and 26.

As a result of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all the claims in the Application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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